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TAGS: PINR CU

SUBJECT: PROF. BLAKEY

REF: STATE 274299

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1. CHAIRMAN STOKES OF THE SELECT COMMITTEE HAS MET WITH RAFAEL FERNANDEZ TO CONVEY INTEREST OF COMMITTEE IN STAFF VISIT CUBA. BLAKEY HAS DISCUSSED MATTER IN GREATER DETAIL WITH TEOFILO ACOSTA WHO PLANS PRESENT SUBJECT DURING TRIP TO HAVANA THIS COMING WEEKEND AND WILL REPORT TO BLAKEY ON RETURN.

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2. BLAKEY TOLD ACOSTA OBJECT OF TRIP IS TO TALK WITH KNOWLEDGEABLE PEOPLE CUBAN GOVERNMENT ABOUT FULL RANGE OF PROBLEMS ASSOCIATED WITH THE ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY, ADDING THAT THE COMMITTEE WOULD LIKE THE VISIT TO TAKE PLACE SOONER RATHER THAN LATER. BLAKEY ENDEAVORED MAKE CRYSTAL CLEAR COMMITTEE'S DESIRE NOT TO IMPACT ON ANY OTHER FACET U.S.-CUBAN RELATIONS, STATING THIS IS NOT

A DIPLOMATIC INITIATIVE BY THE STATE DEPARTMENT. HE ALSO NOTED THAT THE COMMITTEE HOPED TO AVOID PUBLICITY.

3. BLAKEY FURTHER INFORMED ACOSTA THAT THE DEPARTMENT WILL BE CURRENTLY INFORMED OF ALL ARRANGEMENTS BUT NOT OF SUBSTANTIVE CONTENT OF QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS. WHEN HE NEXT MEETS WITH ACOSTA HE WILL SPECIFICALLY NOTE THAT YOU PERSONALLY INFORMED OF ARRANGEMENTS. CHRISTOPHER

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